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Elba's Class of 1966 members gather for breakfast



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New Brockton Police urge citizens to lock doors on unattended vehicles

Officers with the New Brockton Police Department encourage residents to be sure to lock their vehicles at night.

"Chief Dale Grimes and our entire staff want to implore the citizens of

New Brockton to lock their cars at night when they go into the house and take any valuables out of the vehicle," New Brockton Police Investigator Lt. Jeremy Thomas. "We want to keep honest people honest

and deter the criminals as much as possible."

Thomas said New Brockton, like several other local cities, had experienced a rash of vehicle burglaries recently. He said those taking the items are searching for unlocked vehicles and taking items of value.

"We want to mitigate that as much as possible," Lt. Thomas said.

That begins with getting the citizens to be sure to lock their vehicles when unattended and to be sure no items of value are left inside the vehicle, especially in plain view for others to see.

"This will help us keep the city safe," he said. "We are limited on people and can't be in all places at all times. If you keep your stuff locked up, there is a less of a chance that things will get stolen."

If New Brockton residents do find themselves to be a victim of a vehicle burglary, they are encouraged to report it to the police department as soon as possible.

Three seeking office of mayor in Town of New Brockton

During the New Brockton Town Council meeting held Monday evening, July 7, council members approved a resolution for a Certificate of Election for the five council seats within the town.

Only one person qualified in each of the five districts in New Brockton as a candidate for town council in his/her respective district. Due to that, those individuals were duly elected to serve as part of the next administration.

To make it official, the current council approved the Certificate of Election resolution presented to them during the meeting. Those duly elected to the council spots that will take office in November include: Allan Rodriguez, District One council member; Justin Flowers, District Two council member; Courtney Whitaker, District Three council member; Cody Reeves, District Four council member; and Selena Terrell, District Five council member.

The mayor's election will be the only matter on the Aug. 26th ballot in New Brockton. Three candidates qualified seeking election as Mayor of New Brockton. Those candidates are Ricky Chandler, Charles "Chuck" Schieffer, and Sherry Seetahal.



REBELS PARTICIPATE IN YOUTH BASEBALL TOURNAMENTS...Zion Chapel All-Stars in 8U and 10U participated last week in the Alabama Diamond Youth State Baseball Tournament in Montgomery, Ala. While the teams did not bring home trophies from tournaments, they did give their fans plenty to cheer about while there. Please see the Sports Section in today's paper for a recap. Above, a Zion Chapel mom gives her favorite player a big 'ole hug following one of the state tournament games. Kinston's 12U All-Stars also participated in the state tournaments last week.

CCBOE approves personnel at July 10th meeting

The Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, July 10, and approved several personnel matters in preparation for the upcoming school year. Two teacher resignations were approved. Those were from Shelly Nelson, teacher at Zion Chapel, and

Megan Blair, teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

In return, two teacher hires also were approved for the 2025-2026 school year. Celeste Jones will teach at Zion Chapel, and Amanda Shipp will teach at New Brockton Elementary School.

As for support personnel, a resignation from Jackie Mack, part-time CNP worker at New Brockton High School was approved.

Three support personnel hires were approved for the upcoming school year. This included Landra Free, bus driver for Coffee County Schools; Danielle Helms, instructional aide at Zion Chapel, and Carson Dunaway, auxiliary Pre-K teacher at Zion Chapel.

Area Happenings

Beacon of Hope ABA is hosting "Rhythm & Smiles, a Music Celebration" Saturday, July 19, from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., in downtown Elba. The event will be held at 102 Claxton Avenue. Join Beacon of Hope for live music, food vendors, family friendly beverages, dancing and tons of fun. There will also be bounce houses, face painting, and a dunking booth for all to enjoy. Event organizers ask for a donation of either new toys, sealed snacks, or a monetary contribution of any amount to help support Beacon of Hope ABA.

The Elba Lions Club will meet Tuesday, July 22, at 6 p.m., at the Elba Senior Center in downtown Elba. There will be a guest speaker attending. All members are asked to attend.



The Elba Lions Club welcomed Elba High School principal Jermaine Shakespeare (center) to speak at a recent club meeting. Shakespeare shared some information about himself with the Lions Club members. He is a graduate from Alabama A&M. He also spoke on the importance of bringing a community together and keeping it strong. Shakespeare said one of the key elements is communication and inclusion with the younger generation. He said mentoring individuals to become the best versions of themselves is a key goal.

Jane Brunson announces candidacy for Elba City Council, District 3 reelection

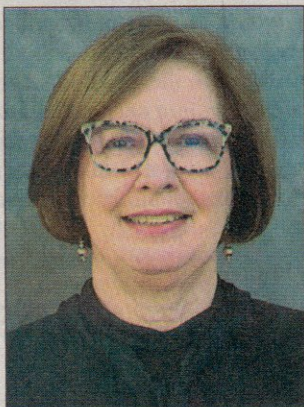
Jane Brunson has announced she is a candidate for reelection to the Elba City Council seat representing District 3.

Brunson has served the citizens of District 3 since 2012, and she has served as Mayor Pro Tem since 2016. She currently serves as chairman of the Elba Water & Electric Board and represents the City of Elba on the PowerSouth Board of Trustees, serving on both the finance and audit committee and the corporate planning and power supply committee.

She also serves as the Elba City Council liaison to the Evergreen Cemetery Board.

Brunson is a 1979 graduate of The University of Alabama with a BS degree in accounting. She has been employed with Carr Riggs & Ingram since 1993 as a CPA in the Tax Department.

A resident of Elba



Jane Brunson

since 1987, she and her husband, Jack, have four adult children and five grandchildren. Her children - Rush, Blake, Meredith and Ward—all attended and graduated from Elba City Schools over a span of 25 years. During that time, Brunson was an active supporter and volunteer for many school programs and activities.

"With a new mayor and at least one new council member in this upcoming

term, I feel my professional and council experience will benefit the citizens of Elba," Brunson said. "I'm always available to visit about ideas or concerns and can be reached on my cell phone 334-300-6139. I appreciate the consideration of the voters of District 3 in allowing me to continue to represent them for four more years."

Notice:

The Elba Redevelopment Authority will meet Monday, July 21, at 12 noon at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford Street.

This meeting will be held to discuss the potential sale of a property. The meeting is open to the public.



The drive-thru at Elba City Hall is currently closed until further notice due to a structural issue. The ceiling of the drive-thru area fell on Monday of this week. City clerk Sally Bane noted during Monday evening's city council meeting that an insurance claim has been filed and officials are waiting to hear back from adjusters.

Rainbow over downtown Elba Tuesday evening, July 15, 2025



Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, July 8, through Monday, July 14, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, July 8 – Verbal altercation reported at 1113 Oak Ave (12:55

a.m.); Criminal mischief reported in area of Putnam St and Cordelia Ave (5:34 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1888 Martin Luther King Dr (9:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 958 Neil Grantham Dr (12:14 p.m.); Animal complaint reported in area of Martin Luther

King Dr and Roosevelt Dr (7:57 p.m.); Suspicious person reported in area of Court Ave and Simmons St (8:20 p.m.). Thirteen traffic stops resulted in four citations, four written warnings, three verbal warnings, and two arrests.

Wednesday, July 9 – Vehicle accident reported at 1461 Claxton Ave N (6:03 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 715 Reese Ave (8:23 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 1113 Oak Ave (11:17 p.m.). Eight traffic stops resulted in one arrest, one verbal warning, three written warnings, and three citations.

Thursday, July 10 – Suspicious person reported in area of Reese Ave and Caroline St (3:17 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1315 Hickman Ave (7:00 a.m.); Suspicious person

reported at 412 Claxton Ave (7:54 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1560 Reese Ave (6:00 p.m.). No traffic stops.

Friday, July 11 – Trespassing reported at 1113 Oak Ave (5:05 a.m.); Criminal mischief reported at 1235 Claxton Ave (6:33 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 119 Old Samson Rd – w/ impound (8:15 a.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 384 County Rd 674 (11:46 a.m.); Suspicious person reported at 1113 Oak Ave – w/arrest (1:44 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1243 Neil Grantham Dr (1:51 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 1220 Davis St E (3:53 p.m.); Assault reported at 1217 Jones Circle (8:19 p.m.). No traffic stops.

Saturday, July 12 – Suspicious circumstances

reported at 972 Elm Ave (8:19 a.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 138 Stroud Ave (2:19 p.m.); Theft of property reported at 300 Champ McCollough Dr (8:37 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning, and one citation.

Sunday, July 13 – Suspicious circumstances reported at 120 Old Samson Rd (9:37 a.m.); Electrical fire from powerline down reported on Forest Lake Dr (2:17 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 923 Harper Dr (11:18 p.m.). No traffic

stops.

Monday, July 14 – Domestic disturbance reported at 620 Mullins Circle (1:39 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 375 Hwy 203 (6:13 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 984 Brookdale Ave (8:20 a.m.); Suspicious vehicle reported at 645 Davis St E (11:36 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 711 Williams Ave – w/arrest (4:40 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported in area of Williams Ave and Guyton St (11:17 p.m.). Two traffic stops resulted in one written warning,

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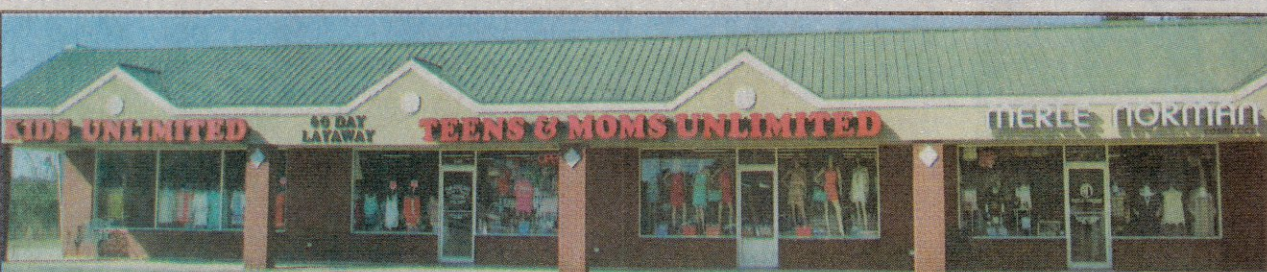
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Windy Thoughts

with Linda Hodge, Publisher

We inquired about the Coffee County Lake with the county administrator for Coffee County on Monday when we were in New Brockton for a county commission meeting. He told us he had hoped the county lake would be reopened to fishing by the end of July, but it is now looking like it will be more like the end of August before the Coffee County Lake is reopened. We know many fishermen and women are looking forward to being able to wet those hooks again at the beautiful Coffee County Lake, and we are assured the day is coming when that will happen. But...it appears it will take a little longer still. Hang in there, folks!

It does appear Elba citizens are utilizing the dumpsters provided by the city and located behind the old recycling center for trash drop offs. We found the dumpsters there full early last week, they were dumped towards the end of the week, and now we've heard there is more trash in them again this week. We are glad to know this is working, and we learned this week there is actually another public dumpster available for trash to be taken to as well. Apparently, the city has a dumpster located at boat ramp by the Davis Street Pea River bridge leading into and out of downtown Elba. We did not even realize there was a dumpster there until a city council member told us earlier this week. So, if you go to the recycle center and those dumpsters are full, you might be able to get your items in the dumpster located at the boat ramp as well. Good to know.

This past Sunday afternoon there was a thunderstorm that moved through the area, and it caused a power outage in our part of the city after a tree fell on the utility lines. When the electricity went out at our house, it helped us decide to take a nap! We enjoyed our nap so well that we had no idea when the electricity came back on...it was just back on when we woke up! That same storm also was to blame for lightning striking a tree at the Elba Country Club. Seems the weather was a bit more "serious" than we realized when we decided to take our nap. Oh well, it worked out great for us because we got some much needed rest and we did not worry about the bad weather. We are glad, however, that only a couple of trees were the victims of the summer thunderstorm.

It won't be long now and our schools will be back in session for another school year. In preparation, this weekend is the Back-to-School Tax Free weekend where sales taxes are suspended for the state and some counties and municipalities. Those shopping in Elba will have no state or city sales tax. We encourage folks to shop local this weekend and support our local businesses.

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Members and friends of the Elba High School Class of 1966 met Tuesday, July 8, at Ms. Linda's in downtown Elba for the group's regular 1966 Class Breakfast. Reportedly the gathering was short a few this month, but the fellowship and food remained great. Those present this month including (starting left side going around the table): John Lawless, Terry Calhoun, Eddie Thompson, Neal Hutto, David Blackmon, Harry Young, Jackey Tindol, Bobby Edmondson, Butch Oggs, Kenneth Baker, Judy Galimore Brown, (great server) Addison Mashburn, and Jerry Brown.

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Obituaries

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CAROLYN DEAL MILES

Mrs. Carolyn Deal Miles, age 84, of Woodstock, Ga., died Wednesday, July 9, 2025.

Carolyn was raised in the close-knit community of Elba, Alabama, as the only child of Roscoe and Eva Deal. Growing up, she enjoyed horseback riding, art and playing both the piano and organ for her church through high school.

After graduation from Elba High School, Carolyn married her high school sweetheart, Paul Miles, and attended Howard College (now Samford University), earning a degree in elementary education. She devoted herself to teaching in the Birmingham Public Schools during the early years of their marriage while Paul completed his pediatric residency. They later moved to Huntsville, Ala., where she was active in her church and the Huntsville Medical Auxiliary. Upon retirement they relocated to Santa Rosa Beach, Florida and later to Dothan, Alabama.

Carolyn carried the warmth and generosity of her hometown into every corner of her life. Her artistic spirit shone brightly in everything she touched—whether she was painting, gardening, decorating her home with antiques, or cooking family meals. She had an eye for elegance and a love of entertaining that brought joy to family and friends alike. With grace and flair, she turned everyday moments into lasting memories. Her sweet Persian cats were her daily companions and helped her spread love to those around her.

Funeral services were held Sunday, July 13, 2025,

from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba, Ala. Burial followed in Evergreen Cemetery. The family respectfully requests that you make a gift to the organization of your choosing that is reflective of your memory of or relationship with Carolyn.

Survivors include her devoted husband of 67 years, Paul; and two loving children, John Miles (Lisa) and Elizabeth Weatherly (Hunter); along with her three grandchildren, Paul Miles (Victoria), Madeline Miles, and Elise Weatherly.

TIMOTHY WILLIAMS

Mrs. Timothy Williams, age 63, of Elba, Ala., died Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at UAB Birmingham.

He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. Tim was born February 9, 1962 in Mount Vernon, New York to the late union of Vera Mae and Cleven Williams. Tim was the grandson to the late union Mattie and Ardis Williams and Nettie and Tilman Lyndsey. After moving back to Alabama from New York, Tim attended Elba City Schools. He was a graduate of the Elba High School Class of 1981. Tim enlisted in the National Guard only to be injured during basic training. He was gainfully employed by Pilgram Pride for over 20 years before transferring over to the

automotive industry for several years until he was in a life altering car accident that left him disabled in 2015.

Funeral services were held July 5, 2025 from Harris Temple Church of God in Christ. Coleman Funeral Home directed the services. Survivors include his wife, Tracy Tyson Williams; three sons, Shane Williams (Tasha) Brantley, Ala., Tevin Tyson (Dalia) Hutchinson Kansas, and Travon Caldwell (Deona) Enterprise, Ala.; one daughter, Kerrah T. Davis (Jalen), Andalusia, Ala.; 10 grandsons, Camarion, Jaiveion, Asa, Desmon, Elias, Luciano, Joshua, Nasir, Valtarea, Demetrius; four granddaughters, Shaniya, Lela, Elisett, and Azaya; his brother, Harold Williams, Elba; sister, Clea Davis Albany, New York; his auntie, Coreen Daniels; mother-in-law, Rosa McKenzie; and a host of family, cousins, and friends.

WALTER T. DENNIS

Walter T. Dennis, age 14, died unexpectedly Sunday, July 6, 2025,

at his home in Elba, Ala.

Coleman Funeral Home of Elba is serving the Dennis family with funeral arrangements and will announce them upon completion.

Students make Provost's List at Troy University for Spring

Troy University recently announced students who have been named to the Provost's List for the Spring Semester and Term 4 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who have a grade point average of at least 3.65

qualify for the Provost's List.

Local students named to the list include:

ELBA: Camron Blackmon, Zachary Lowery, and Kacy Kelley
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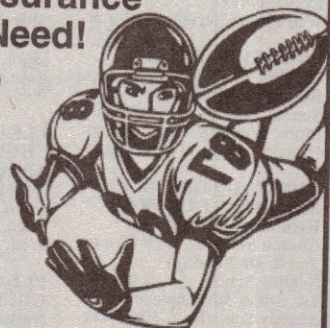
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The Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise recently installed officers for the 2025-2026 year. New President Julie Mills presented each club member with a hand painted plaque depicting "Angels Among Us" which is the theme of Pilot Clubs for this new term. Leslie Adams, a LPCE member, served as the installing officer. For more information about the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise, contact sdanford216@gmail.com. Those pictured are, from left, Beverly Urech, Assistant Fund Raising Chair, Linda Peterson, Fund Raising Chair, Bonnie Gilmore, Assistant Membership Chair, Sandra Danford, Membership Chair, Paulie Thill, Assistant Projects Chair, Fran Walters, Project Chair, Leslie Adams, Installing officer, Debbie Godfrey, Secretary, Julie Mills, President, Jane Baxley, Treasurer, Gina Oates, President Elect.

Local students named to Troy's Chancellor's List

Troy University recently announced students who had been named to the Chancellor's List for the spring semester and Term 4 of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Full-time undergraduate students who are registered for at least 12 semester hours and who earn a grade

point average of 4.0 qualify for the Chancellor's List.

Local students who made the list include:

ELBA: Kate Hudson, Denyia Wilkerson, Yu Hsuan Liu, and Britton Coppage

JACK: Anice Thompson

NEW BROCKTON:

Trawick Boland, Emily

Turner, Selah Sanders, and Justie Ellis

KINSTON: Tiana Burbank and Houston Gilbert

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Coping with Grief When You Lose a Spouse

How can you overcome the problems you face after your spouse has died? First, you must recognize that grief is necessary, and it is something you must work through. There is no shortcut.

Vent Your Feelings. It is important that you allow yourself to vent your feelings. Take time to cry. Don't be afraid to share your tears with other mourners. Talk openly with family members and friends. Don't try to "protect" your children or other family members by hiding your sadness. Express your anger if you are feeling it. This is the time to lean on your friends. They may feel awkward for a while because they don't know how to talk to you about your loss. You can help them help you by simply telling them what you need.

Lighten Your Schedule. If you normally have a pressing schedule, try to lighten it. Remember, grief is mentally taxing. You don't need the added strain of too much to do. Set aside some quiet times just for yourself, so you can think about your spouse's death and put things in perspective.

Remember that There is No Timetable. Healing doesn't happen overnight. It happens gradually, and there is not a normal timetable for grieving. For some people it may take weeks or months to start to feel better. For others, it may take years. It's also important to remember that even if you have accepted your loss, that doesn't mean that you have forgotten the person.

What if you can't seem to handle your grief? It's important to understand there is no timetable for grief, so it is difficult to say when a person needs professional help. If you are worried you are not coping well with your grief, you might consider talking to a counselor.

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CHURCH NEWS

What does the Bible say about... Faith Only?

Article written by Douglas Williams



“You see then that a man is justified by works, and not by faith only” (James 2:24). “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The Bible teaches that salvation is by faith coupled with works of obedience. The only place that you find the phrase “faith only” in the Bible is James 2:24, and there it says, “not by faith only,” and the context shows that God’s plan for our salvation includes both faith and works of obedience. Hebrews 11:6 states, “But without faith, it is impossible to please God.”

The Bible speaks of different kinds of works:

Works of the flesh (Galatians 5:19-21).

Our own works of which we might boast (2 Timothy 1:9).

Works of the Law of Moses (Galatians 2:16).

Works of obedience (Matthew 7:21; Titus 2:14; 3:1).

This explains why Paul said in Ephesians 2:9 that

we are not saved by works, while James says that we are justified by works (James 2:24). Paul was writing of one’s own boastful works, but James was referring to works of obedience (James 2:14-26).

This does not mean that we merit our salvation, or do anything to earn it. It is a free gift of God’s grace to which we respond in faith and obedience.

In James 2:14-26, Abraham and Rahab are used as examples of what they did by faith being “justified by works” when they obeyed God.

Other examples are Noah who did not earn salvation by building an ark; Joshua and Jews did not earn Jericho by marching around it. The Jews did not earn the promised land simply because they traveled to it from Egypt, or because they wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. These things, like salvation today, were gifts of God, even though they had to obey God to receive them.

Faith then, without obedience, is worthless or dead (James 2:17, 20, 26)

Daniel Cochran set to share his testimony Sunday, July 20, at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church of Elba invites all to come listen to former Elba resident Daniel Cochran speak this Sunday, July 20, at 11 a.m.

Cochran will share his

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church invites all to upcoming Revival services

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, located at 970 County Rd. 528, Elba, will hold Revival services later this month.

The services will be Monday, July 21, through

Zoar Cemetery Association meeting set for Saturday, July 26th

The Zoar Cemetery Association has been meeting on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday each July since 1988.

The annual business meeting for Zoar Cemetery will be held Saturday, July 26, in the Morrow

testimony with the church during the morning worship hour.

Shiloh Baptist Church is located at 218 County Rd. 407, Elba.

Wednesday, July 23, at 7 p.m. nightly with guest speaker Pastor Barry Pausey of Greater Springfield Baptist Church, New Brockton, Ala.

All are invited to attend.

Homecoming services set for Sunday, Aug. 3rd, at Shiloh Baptist Church

Shiloh Baptist Church, located at 218 County Rd. 407, Elba, will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Aug. 3, starting at 10:30 a.m.

Guest speaker will be

Pastor Mack King, and the Coppage Family will be sharing special music. Everyone is invited to attend and enjoy the food, fellowship, music, and services.

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Scripture: James 1:19 K.J.V.

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July Birthdays

Arrian Henderson 7/3
Priscilla Sanders 7/3
Kesha Young 7/4
Makayla D. Moore 7/6
Min. Joyce B. Johnson 7/7
Evelyn B. Manning 7/8
Rev. Stanley Woodfolk 7/8
Malik Kelley 7/9
Henry Rowe 7/9
Kenya Martin 7/10
Lydia M. Kelley 7/10

** Mulberry Missionary Baptist Sunday School and BTU Congress

Theme: Restore unto me the Joy of thy Salvation
Psalm 51:12
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“Going Zoom!”

A three-year-old boy in Florida took the family car for a “joyride” a few years ago, and authorities remain puzzled as to how he managed it. The boy was only two and a half feet tall, so how he was able to reach the gas pedal and still steer the car is a mystery. Well, it must be admitted that he steering wasn’t so good: on a journey that lasted less than a half mile, he ran into three cars. Fortunately, no one was hurt. In the middle of the night, he had climbed up on top of a five-foot high dresser in his parents’ bedroom without waking them. He then took the car keys and went on his little excursion. Perhaps we should give him high marks for creativity and ambition, at least when he

was caught, his explanation of what happened was, “I go zoom!” Manasseh was a few years older than the Florida youngster was when he became King. He took Judah on a wild ride, leaving a trail of wreckage - both spiritual and moral - in his path. His immaturity kept him from understanding the consequences of “zooming” of on such a dangerous course. His adult advisors probably bear some blame for this. Good advice might have prevented this “accident.” How can we exert a positive influence over the young people whom God has entrusted to our care? -C.R.B.

Question/Answer Section Q/A for the week of 7-10-2025 Fill in the Blanks

(Q) “Do not __ up for yourselves treasures on earth.”
(A) Store – Matthew 6:19
(Q) __ foolish controversies.
(A) Avoid – Titus 3:9
(Q) Avoid every __ of evil.
(A) Kind – 1 Thessalonians 5:22
(Q) __ The devil, and he will flee from you.
(A) Resist – James 4:7
(Q) Do not __ the Lord.
(A) Forget – Deuteronomy 8:11

Questions for the week 7-17-2025 True or False

(Q) The chief Priests, scribes, elder of the people, and the high priest were all involved in the plot to kill Jesus.
(Q) Judas was accompanied by a few men from the Chief Priests, who came to arrest Jesus.
(Q) The sign on the cross identified Jesus as “The King of the Jews.”

Today is a good day! Be Grateful!
Eria’s Daughter, Sue

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OFFICIAL PACK THE BUS DROP OFF CELEBRATION ON JULY 21ST

FROM 8:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

AT ELBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WE'RE COLLECTING TRADITIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES SUCH AS:

• PENCILS, ERASERS, PAPER, CRAYONS, AND OTHER CLASSROOM ESSENTIALS

• BACKPACKS, LUNCHBOXES, AND FOLDERS

IN ADDITION, WE ARE PLACING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON CLEANING SUPPLIES FOR TEACHERS, INCLUDING:

• DISINFECTANT SPRAYS, PAPER TOWELS, CLEANING WIPES, AND KLEENEX

THESE ITEMS ARE VITAL TO HELP MAINTAIN CLEAN, SAFE CLASSROOMS FOR BOTH STUDENTS AND STAFF THROUGHOUT THE SCHOOL YEAR.

DROP OFF LOCATIONS LEADING UP TO JULY 21ST

TROY BANK & TRUST ALL IN CREDIT UNION

HARRIS TEMPLE FIRST BAPTIST

CONNECT CHURCH GREATER NEW ZION

IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN

ABOUNDING GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Rockey Pearce, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 5:00 p.m.

ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, Ala.

Richard Thorn Sr., Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 7:00 p.m.

ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Will Jordan, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH

Sam Self, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHEL AME CHURCH

Deborah A. Butler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . 6:30 p.m.

BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Greg Cotter, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Disciple Train 5:30 p.m.

Even. Worship 6:30 p.m.

BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH

Robert Davis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH

Remonia Smith, Pastor

Church Service . . . 9:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

CORNERSTONE BIBLE CHURCH

Larry Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night 7:00 p.m.

COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday Fellowship . 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Wed. Night "Peak of the Week & meal" 5:30 p.m.

Bible Study & Prayer . . 6:15 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Bookout, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

EAON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

David Noble, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY

H.L. Buckner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Night 6:00 p.m.

Thur. Night 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Billy Janes, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ELBA METHODIST CHURCH

Nathan Elliott, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Phillip Adcock, Pastor

Sunday Morning . . 10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

1st ASSEMBLYS OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 7:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

Edward E. Drake, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

GODS POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Overseers - Billy Berry

Sat. Service 6:00 p.m.

Sun. Service 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service 4:00 p.m.

GRACE FELLOWSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH

John Curtis Isaacs, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Edgar C. Peter, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC

W. K. Ellison, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Service 6:00 p.m.

HAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Morn. Worship . . . 8:45 a.m.

HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Shirley Ellis, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

HEBRON BAPT. CHURCH

Mark Cooper, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

HOLY TEMPLE COGIC

Glenwood, AL

Sunday Prayer 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service . . . 11:00 a.m.

INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Wesley D. Ard, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

INO BAPTIST CHURCH

Danny Branch, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 8:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.

JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Chad Fuller, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:45 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

KINSTON 1st BAPT CHURCH

Heath Fountain, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LIVING WORD CHURCH

Derrick Stinson, Pastor

Saturday Service . . 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Service . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Youth Service 6:00 p.m.

Thurs. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST

Greg Hanchey, Minister

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

LOVE'S WAY CHURCH

Charles Jones, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

J. R. Parks, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

1st & 3rd Sundays

MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH

Dewey Emfinger, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 5:00 p.m.

MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Olan Strickland, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

NEW HOPE BAPT CHURCH

Lanny Shepard, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Lorearl Flowers, Minister

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Julian Mitchell, Pastor

1st - 4th Sun. Morn.

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

OLD TABERNACLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Lee Jones, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

PINEY GROVE ASSEMBLY OF GOD - SAMSON

Terry McCrummen, Pastor

Sunday School 9:45

Morn. Worship 11:00

Evening Worship 6:00

Wed. Worship 7:00

PRaise & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER

Roy L. Turner, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Worship . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 6:30 p.m.

ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH

A. R. Williams, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

2nd & 4th Sundays

ROETON BAPTIST CHURCH

Kerry Saxon, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

SHADY GROVE AME James Boots, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Praise Service Mon 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Study . . 6:00 p.m.

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

Leon Fortune, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 4:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

TAYLOR HILL COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Night Service 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

Pastor Bishop E.H. Hill

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Noon Worship 12 noon

Even. Service 7:00 p.m.

Youth Ser. Mon. . . . 7:00 p.m.

Wed. Bible Class . . . 7:00 p.m.

Fri. Missionary Ser. 7:00 p.m.

THE WAY OF HOLINESS CHURCH, Elba

Max Reed, Minister

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday Bible Class 7:00 p.m.

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH

James Preachers, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VANDERBILT HOLINESS CHURCH

Donald Mills, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Night Service 6:00 p.m.

VICTORIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:45 p.m.

Wed. Worship 7:00 p.m.

VICTORY TABERNACLE

Ruby Lawson, Pastor

Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 7:00 p.m.

WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

WHITEWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

Lucas Taylor, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:30 p.m.

WISE MILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Dustin Wisecarver, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.

Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

Donnie Marler, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Wed. Prayer Meet . . 6:00 p.m.

WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Mike Medley, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.

Wed. Service 7:00 p.m.

ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Cary Maulden, Pastor

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.

Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.

Even. Service 6:00 p.m.

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DISTRICT SAMPLE BALLOTS FOR THE ELBA MUNICIPAL ELECTION • AUGUST 26, 2025

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT BALLOT STYLE-1		GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AUGUST 26, 2025	
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ○ COMPLETELY! ● IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.			
	FOR MAYOR (Vote for One)		
	○ TIM JOHNSON		
	○ CARLOS J. MAGWOOD		
	○ MARTY TAREY		
	FOR COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 1 (Vote for One)		
	○ TOM G. HOOKS		
	○ JOHNATHAN T. LOCKETT		
	SAMPLE BALLOT		
	END OF BALLOT		

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT BALLOT STYLE-2		GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AUGUST 26, 2025	
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	FOR MAYOR (Vote for One)		
	○ TIM JOHNSON		
	○ CARLOS J. MAGWOOD		
	○ MARTY TAREY		
	FOR COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 2 (Vote for One)		
	○ AARON POPE		
	○ GAPPA WISE		
	SAMPLE BALLOT		
	END OF BALLOT		

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT BALLOT STYLE-3		GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AUGUST 26, 2025	
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ○ COMPLETELY! ● IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.			
	FOR MAYOR (Vote for One)		
	○ TIM JOHNSON		
	○ CARLOS J. MAGWOOD		
	○ MARTY TAREY		
	FOR COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 3 (Vote for One)		
	○ JANE B. BRUNSON		
	○ CHRISTY EUBANKS LARAMORE		
	○ TODD MARTINETTI		
	SAMPLE BALLOT		
	END OF BALLOT		

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT BALLOT STYLE-4		GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AUGUST 26, 2025	
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ○ COMPLETELY! ● IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.			
	FOR MAYOR (Vote for One)		
	○ TIM JOHNSON		
	○ CARLOS J. MAGWOOD		
	○ MARTY TAREY		
	FOR COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 4 (Vote for One)		
	○ TIM HUDSON		
	○ WILLIAM LOVE		
	SAMPLE BALLOT		
	END OF BALLOT		

ABSENTEE OFFICIAL BALLOT BALLOT STYLE-5		GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CITY OF ELBA, ALABAMA AUGUST 26, 2025	
INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL ○ COMPLETELY! ● IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.			
	FOR MAYOR (Vote for One)		
	○ TIM JOHNSON		
	○ CARLOS J. MAGWOOD		
	○ MARTY TAREY		
	FOR COUNCILPERSON DISTRICT 5 (Vote for One)		
	○ KAYE ELLIS		
	○ A.R. WILLIAMS		
	SAMPLE BALLOT		
	END OF BALLOT		

ABSENTEE VOTING DEADLINES
CITY OF ELBA MUNICIPAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 2025

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Last Day to Apply for an Absentee Ballot by Mail

August 21, 2025 -
Last Day to Apply fo an Absentee Ballot in Person

August 25, 2025 -
Last Day to Hand Deliver an Absentee Ballot

August 26, 2025 by 12:00 Noon -
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Call Elba City Hall for Election Questions
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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-130

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JAMES F. STANLEY, JR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 24th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Harold W. Stanley
HAROLD W. STANLEY
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN F. RAIRIGH, DECEASED
CASE NO.: PR-2025-129

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of JOHN F. RAIRIGH, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 26th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.

/s/ Judy K. Rairigh
JUDY K. RAIRIGH
Personal Representative of said Estate
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF RICKEY CHARLES HUGHES

Deceased CASE NO: PR-2025-140

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to, Mary Ann Danford Administrator of the Estate of, Ricky Charles Hughes deceased, on the 15th day of June, 2025, by the Judge of Probate of Coffee County, Alabama. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Honorable Jodee R. Thompson
Judge of Probate
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN CASEY JONES, Deceased.

Case No. PR-2025-138

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to Ronald A. Jones and Media S. Jones, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 7th day of July, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. **DONE** this the 7th day of July, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson
Jodee R. Thompson,
Probate Judge
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROBATE OF THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF LINDA J. KENT, Deceased.
CASE NO. 25-0096

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT AND PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of

said deceased having been granted to David L. Kent on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of the Probate Court of Geneva County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of Linda J. Kent are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ David L. Kent
David L. Kent, Personal Representative
Lee F. Knowles, Esq.
Attorney for the Estate
P.O. Box 369
Geneva, AL 36340
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA.

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF TRAVIS HURST, DECEASED.
CASE NO.: 25-0062

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Nancy Thompson, on the 25th day of June, 2025, by the Honorable Toby L. Seay, Judge of Probate Court of Geneva County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

Toby L. Seay, Probate Judge
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF JIMMY GLENN CHANDLER, Deceased.
CASE NO: PC 2025-045

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters of Administration of said deceased having been granted to Natalie J. Chandler on the 30th day of June 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be forever barred. Witness my hand this the

30th day of June 2025.
Natalie J. Chandler
Personal Representative
Matt Brunson
Attorney for the Petitioner
7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: GRACE B. BRUNSON, DECEASED.
CASE NO. 2025-134

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to JENNIFER B. MONTGOMERY on the 7th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred.
JOHN B. BRUNSON
BRUNSON, BARNETT & SHERRER, P.C.
ATTORNEY FOR ESTATE
8020 Parkway Drive
Leeds, AL 35094
205-702-6700
7/10, 17 & 24-pd

IN THE PROBATE OFFICE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DEMEKO SANCHEZ REESE, Deceased
CASE NO: PR-2025-117

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters of Administration on the Estate of DEMEKO SANCHEZ REESE, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 3rd day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred.
/s/ Erma Byrd
ERMA BYRD
Administrator of said Estate
7/17, 24 & 31-pd

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LEGAL NOTICES:

(More Legal Notices on Page 6)

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: S.G.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: L.B.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-113.03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: KATIE BOWERS, Respondent/ Mother of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama. Done and dated on this the 20th day of June 2025.

/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Ashley A. Powell
Clerk of the Court
6/26, 7/3, 10&17-chg

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: S.G.S., a minor.

CASE NO.: JU-2021-114.03

IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF: L.B.S., a minor. CASE NO.: JU-2021-113.03

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE TO: WILLIAM BOSWELL SIMMONS IV, Respondent/Father of S.G.S., a minor whose date of birth is in March 2020 and L.B.S., a minor whose date of birth is in September 2018, whose whereabouts is unknown, must answer the Petition for Termination of Parental Rights heretofore filed by Petitioners, William Boswell Simmons III and Karinne Simmons, within fourteen (14) days after the last publication, or thereafter, a judgment by default may be rendered against you in JU-2021-114.03, and JU-2021-113.03, in the Juvenile Court of Geneva County, Alabama.

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/s/ Ashley A. Powell
Ashley A. Powell
Clerk of the Court
6/26, 7/3, 10&17-chg.

STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by LEAMON RAY BOLLING, a single person, and VICKIE LYNN JOHNSTON, a single person, on the 12th day of October 2021, to VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as recorded in A/OFFR Book 205A, Page 596, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice

is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, VANDERBILT MORTGAGE AND FINANCE, INC., as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on July 24, 2025, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: A lot or parcel of land located in the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 10, T4N, R19E, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said forty; thence run S14°28'49"W for 64.69 feet; thence run S82°20'22"E for 310.45 feet; thence run S80°19'37"E for 418.76 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence run S80°19'37"E for 209.38 feet; thence run S06°53'33"W for 209.80 feet to the North right of way of Coffee County Road #420 (R/W 80'); thence run N80°19'37"W along said R/W for 209.38 feet; thence run N06°53'33"E for 209.80 feet to the Point of Beginning. INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2021 CMH manufactured home, Serial No. CS2027756TNAB; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described. This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property. Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale.

Lori C. Baird
Attorney for Vanderbilt Mortgage and Finance, Inc.
ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A.
2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200
P.O. Box 2727
Tuscaloosa, AL 35403
(205) 344-5000
7/3, 10&17-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF KRISTIN ALAIN SCHMID, DECEASED CASE NO.: PR-2025-128

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of KRISTIN ALAIN SCHMID, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 21st day of May, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Samuel L. R. Fowler, Jr. SAMUEL L. R. FOWLER, JR. Personal Representative of said Estate 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA IN THE MATTER OF SHARON L. MITCHUM, Deceased. Case No.: 25-0085

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary were granted to LISA MCGOWAN on the 25th day of June, 2025. Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. LISA MCGOWAN Personal Representative David F. Holmes, Attorney P.O. Box 1180 Slocumb, AL 36375 334-886-3123 7/3, 10 & 17-pd

Notice to Contractors Federal Aid Project No. HSIP-0012(584)

DALE AND COFFEE COUNTIES, ALABAMA Sealed bids will be received by the Director of Transportation at the office of the Alabama Department of Transportation, Montgomery; Alabama until 10:00 AM on July 25, 2025 and at that time publicly opened for constructing the Access Management (Partial Grading, Drainage, Pavement, Traffic Signal Installation, and Traffic Stripe) on SR-12 (US-84) from a point near the junction of CR-709 (MP 184.300) east of Enterprise to a point near the junction of CR-1 (MP 185.420) in Level Plains. Length 1.123 mi. The total amount of uncompleted work under contract to a contractor must not exceed the amount of his or her qualification certificate. The Entire Project Shall Be Completed In Eighty (80) Working Days. A 6.00% DBE Contract Obligation Is Required. A Bidding Proposal may be purchased for \$5.00. Plans may be purchased for \$36.00 per set. Plans and Proposals are available at the Alabama Department of Transportation, 1409 Coliseum Boulevard, Room E-108, Montgomery, AL 36110. Checks should be made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation. Plans and Proposals will be mailed only upon receipt of remittance. No refunds will be made. Minimum wage rates for this project have been predetermined by the Secretary of Labor and are set forth in the advertised specifications. This project is subject to the contract work hours and Safety Standards Act and its implementing regulations. Cashier's check or bid bond for 5% of bid (maximum - \$50,000.00) made payable to the Alabama Department of Transportation must accompany each bid as evidence of good faith. The bracket range is shown only to provide general financial information to contractors and bonding companies concerning the project's complexity and size. This Bracket should not be used in preparing a bid, nor will this bracket have any bearing on the decision to award this contract.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2025-135

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred. /s/ Lillian Marlene Kennedy

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2025-135

The Bracket Estimate On This Project Is From \$2,069,126 To \$2,528,931. The proposed work shall be performed in conformity with the rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal Highway Act. Plans and Specifications are on file in Room E-108 of the Alabama Department of Transportation at Montgomery, Alabama 36110.

In accordance with the rules and regulations of The Alabama Department of Transportation, proposals will be issued only to prequalified contractors or their authorized representatives, upon requests that are received before 10 AM., on the day previous to the day of opening of bids. The bidder's proposal must be submitted on the complete original proposal furnished him or her by the Alabama Department of Transportation.

The Alabama Department of Transportation, in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. 2000D TO 2000D-4 and Title 49 code of Federal Regulations, Department of Transportation, Subtitle A, Office of The Secretary, Part 21, nondiscrimination in federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation issued pursuant to such act, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, minority business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin in consideration for an award. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved.

JOHN R. COOPER
Transportation Director
7/10, 17&24-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JANICE GRIMES MORGAN, DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2025-142

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Janice Grimes Morgan, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of July, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or such claims will be barred. /s/ Thadius W. Morgan, Jr. THADIUS W. MORGAN, JR. Personal Representative 7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DANIEL GUY KENNEDY, SR., DECEASED. CASE NO.: PR-2025-135

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

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LILLIAN MARLENE KENNEDY
Personal Representative
7/17, 24 & 31-pd

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA Enterprise Division

In the Estate of: EARNEST L. ANDERSON Deceased. Case No. PR-2024-066

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to ADAM CHASE ANDERSON as Administrator of the Estate of EARNEST L. ANDERSON, deceased on the 14th day of July, 2025 by the HON JODEE R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate Court of COFFEE County, Alabama.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson JODEE R. THOMPSON Judge of Probate, Coffee County 7/17, 24 & 31-pd

ORDINANCE NO. 07142025 AN ORDINANCE SUSPENDING THE ENFORCEMENT OF ORDINANCE NO. 03242025, SCHEDULE "L", SPECIAL EVENTS LICENSE REQUIREMENTS

WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that implementation of Schedule "L" as adopted has presented unforeseen administrative challenges and concerns regarding equitable enforcement; and WHEREAS, the Council finds it necessary to temporarily suspend the effectiveness of Schedule "L" in order to review and revise its provisions; NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Elba, Alabama, that:

1. The enforcement of Schedule "L" of Section 18-59 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby suspended effective immediately. 2. This suspension shall remain in effect until 10/01/2025 unless otherwise extended or rescinded by further ordinance. 3. During the period of suspension, no special event licenses under Schedule "L" shall be issued or required, and vendors shall remain subject to standard business licensing requirements. 4. City staff is directed to study and propose amendments to Schedule "L" to address implementation concerns. ADOPTED this 14 day of July, 2025. City of Elba, Alabama By: Tom Maddox Its Mayor SEAL Attest: Sally Bane City Clerk 7/17-chg.

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS SPECIFICATIONS: TIMBER FOR SALE BY COFFEE COUNTY BOE Under the conditions outlined below, Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba AL, 36351 is accepting bids on the following: New Brockton - Coffee County, AL - 16.75 acre lump-sum final harvest A formal survey and map outlining the exact location of the timber are available upon request. CONDITIONS OF BID The Undersigned, as Bidder, hereby declares that the only person or persons interested in the Proposal or Principals is or are as herein named and that no other person than herein named has an interest in the Proposal or in the contract to be entered into, and that it is in all respects fair and in good faith without collusion

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or fraud. It shall be the responsibility of the bidder to determine to his own satisfaction the value of the timber offered for sale. Any information which has been given or may be given by the Coffee County Board of Education is offered only to help prospective bidders to decide whether or not they may be interested in examining the timber and such date are not to be construed or deemed a guarantee or representation by the Coffee County BOE as to the volume or the value of the timber being offered for sale. It is strongly recommended that all bidders participate in a scheduled property cruise to thoroughly inspect the sale area to determine volume estimates. Property cruises will be permitted on the following dates and times: Tuesday, July 22 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thursday, July 24 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 29 - 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. & 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Guided property cruises are available upon request. To schedule a guided cruise, contact the Coffee County Board of Education at (334) 554-0002. The successful bidder must provide proof of commercial liability insurance in the amount of \$1 million as well as workers' compensation insurance. All bids must be submitted on the bid proposal form which is available upon request. All merchantable timber (hardwood and pine) is to be clear cut and removed from the site. All other timber is to be organized for future disposal. BIDDING: This is a lump-sum sale. A single lump-sum bid for all designated timber is requested. Buyers should satisfy themselves as to the volume and value of the timber designated for harvest (hardwood and pine) prior to bidding. The deadline to submit a sealed bid is Tuesday, August 6, 2025 at 2:00 P.M. Bids will be received at the Coffee County Board of Education, 400 Reddoch Hill Road, Elba AL, 36323, UNTIL 2:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 6, at which time and place bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids must be submitted on the school system's Bid Proposal Form. To adhere to the Alabama Immigration Law, the following forms must accompany all bids: E-Verify Memorandum of Understanding, Affidavit of Alabama Immigration Compliance, and Alabama Immigration Law Compliance Contract. Bid submission packets must be properly labeled with the bid project title, vendor name, address and phone number. All required documents must be placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked "New Brockton Lump-Sum Timber Bid, Bid #25-001" TO BE OPENED AT 2:00 P.M. on TUESDAY, 8/6/2025. The Coffee County Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. The highest lump-sum bid meeting specifications will be presented to the Coffee County Board of Education at the next meeting for consideration and any award. Notification of any award will be provided to the successful highest bidder only following Board approval. If you would like more information about this bid, please call Mr. DeWayne Hamilton, Facilities Coordinator, at (334) 554-0002. POSTED: 7/15/2025 7/17&24-chg.

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Both our grandsons have birthdays coming up, and while Lawson will be 15, he should be easy to buy for since he is into video games, clothes and going out to eat. As for Cannon, who will turn three, I think I will get him a small TV and his very own ‘clicker.’ Every time he comes for a visit he wants me to turn on the TV, and then wants me to change channels what seems like at least once every few minutes until we find a show he likes. If he had his own ‘clicker’ he could entertain himself for hours. Whatcha think?

For what it is worth....

**** It has been quite a summer* for many of the youth softball and baseball teams in the county as Kinston placed second in the state in softball in two age divisions and also placed in the top four in baseball, while Zion Chapel sent two teams to the state tournament in baseball and both teams posted wins against teams from across the state. It takes a lot of hard work for the players to hone their skills well enough to compete at the state level, and while the coaches all have to sacrifice their spare time to work with the players, the parents and grandparents also have to give up a lot of time to take their special players to and from practices and games. It takes a lot of sacrifice for everyone involved when it comes to youth sports, and it was obvious that the folks in Kinston and Zion Chapel have what it takes. Great job!

**** The website AL.com continued its summer series* on top Alabama sports personalities last week with its list of the ‘10 Most Important people in Alabama sports history,’ and while I agree with everyone on the list, I can think of a few others that they left off. First, the stars that made the list were NASCAR great Bobby Allison, pro baseball icon Satchel Paige, former FSU football coach Bobby Bowden, NBA legend Charles Barkley, MLB Hall of Famers Willie Mays and Hank Aaron, multi-sport superstar Bo Jackson, former Alabama Crimson Tide coaches Bear Bryant and Nick Saban, and Olympic two-person bobsled gold medalist Vonetta Jeffery Flowers. Now, some that didn’t make the list included former MLB stars Willie McCovey, Early Wynn, Joe Sewell, Billy Williams, and, Dixie Walker; former NFL stars John Hannah, Bart Starr, Buck Buchanan, John Stallworth, Ken Stabler, Lee Roy Jordan, Maxie Baughan, and, Robert Brazile; as well as other such notables as Ozzie Newsome, Ralph Shug Jordan, Mel Allen, Hubert Green, Charley Boswell, Pat Sullivan, Johnny Musso, Vince Dooley, and, Johnny Mack Brown. Now, my pick for the most iconic sports legend – Jesse Owens. Owens, from Oakville, Alabama, was a track athlete that won four gold medals at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, the first person ever to win four gold medals in a single Olympics, and is considered one of the greatest athletes in track and field history. As an NCAA track standout, Owens won four events and set five world records and tied another in less than an hour at the 1935 Big Ten championships. Owens, who was honored by having a postage stamp issued with his picture, died in 1980, but his accomplishments and courage to fight and overcome racial barriers have to make him one of the state’s greatest sports heroes!

**** In closing.... Next week I will begin a preview* of the upcoming high school football season, and plan on continuing the preseason look at area teams until the season kicks off. We’ll take a look at coaching changes, schedules, team history and what to expect this season from Elba, Zion Chapel, New Brockton, Kinston and Brantley, and hopefully build your interest right up until the season starts. Hey, the season is just around the corner, ready or not. Oh yea, as always we are looking for sports reporters to cover football games this season. For more info call Linda at 897-2823.

At national junior event in Memphis

Elba’s Wilson continues busy summer competing with nation’s best golfers

Elba teenage golf sensation Jay Wilson traveled to Memphis, Tennessee, last week to compete in the 44th annual Bubba Conlee National Junior Golf Championships in an event that took its toll on almost the entire field as he fired a 17-over par 233, with only two golfers able to shoot under par on the challenging 7,334-yard layout.

The tournament was played at the Colonial Country Club, in Memphis, one of the nation’s most recognizable courses since its opening in 1913 that has hosted such PGA events as the FedEx St. Jude Classic, Memphis Open, and Danny Thomas Memphis Classic.

Wilson began play in the three-day tournament, which attracted 101 junior golfers from 19 states and three foreign countries, with a seven-over-par 79. He carded five bogeys on the front nine to finish with a 41, and while he bogeyed four of his first five holes on the back nine to go 11 over, he birdied two of the closing three holes for a 38, to complete his first round with a 79. Only five players were able to break par in the opening round on the long and challenging course.

Wilson birdied his first hole on the second round, but carded three bogeys late in the round to fire a 38, and then after birding his first hole on the back nine was unable to stage a rally and closed with a 77, for a two-day total of 12 over par. After the second



Elba’s Jay Wilson was in Memphis last week competing at the Bubba Conlee National Junior Golf Championships, along with 100 other golfers from 19 states and three foreign countries.

round, there were only three golfers still under par. Wilson was determined to close out the tournament with the best round of the week and posted three

birdies and only two bogeys on the front nine to make the turn at one-under 35, and moved to two-under on the back nine after back-to-back birdies on holes

14 and 15. However, the round, and the tournament, came to a disastrous end as he carded a 12 on the par five 18th hole to finish with a five-over 77.

All-Star Sports Week to begin July 21 for state prep stars

The Alabama High School Athletic Association will host the ‘2025 All-Star Sports Week’ activities on July 21-25, in Montgomery, with a number of area players and coaches taking part in the annual games involving high school juniors from across the state.

Baseball will kick off the week’s activities with four players and one coach on the South roster. Players include Brady Cavanaugh, Enterprise; Easton Walsh, Florala; Blayne Wood, G.W. Long; Seth Williams, Wicksburg; while Coach Adam Foster, of Rehobeth will lead the squad.

Golf will tee off on the opening day with two area boy golfers and one area girl golfer on the roster, as well as one coach. The boys squad includes Jay Wilson, Elba, and Clay Kyser, of Opp, while Elba’s Mark Wicker will coach the squad. In girls’ play, Maci McCarty, of Enterprise will represent area golfers.

Cross Country competition will be held on the second day, with three area runners and one area coach on the rosters. On the boys’ squad will be John Martin Stickler, of Houston Academy; Landon Davenport, of Wicksburg; and, Coach Chris Rodgers, of Enterprise. The girls’ squad will include Allyson Hawbaker, of Enterprise.

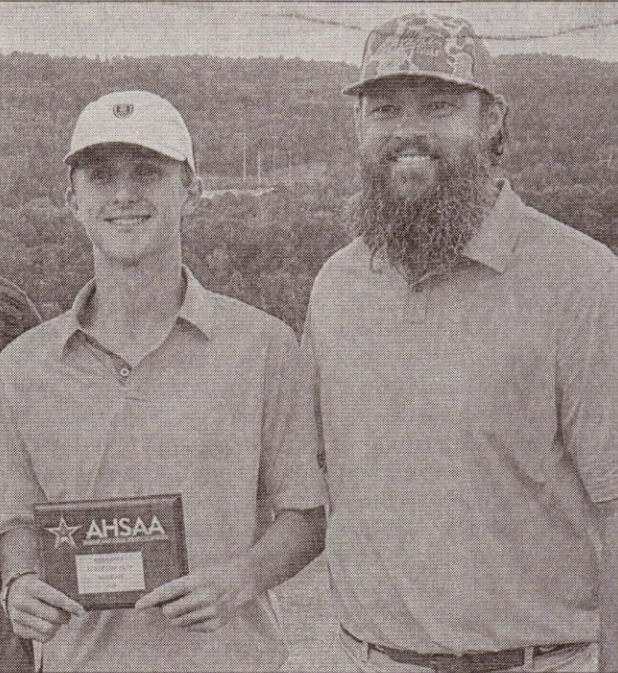
Tennis competition will also be held on Day Two of the summer spectacular, with area boys’ team members including Graham Andress, of Enterprise; Jackson Hughes, of Providence

Christian; and, coaches Chas Hannen and Scott Hannen, of Enterprise. On the girls’ team, Mckeznie Tate-Diaz, of Enterprise, will represent the area teams.

Basketball will round out second day contests with the area being represented by two boys and one girl, as well as one coach. The boys’ team will include Dejah Coleman, of Dothan, and Tucker Wadsworth, of Enterprise, as well as Dothan’s Coach Jeremy Bynum, while the girls’ team will include Kalaiya Dixon, of Luverne. Softball will take the field on the third day of the competition, with the area being represented by two players and one coach. Prep players on the squad include Taya Newton, of Andalusia, and Ellie Cox, of Wicksburg, while Dothan’s Coach Donny Bright will guide the squad.

Soccer will also hit the field on third day action in both boys and girls competition, with the area being well represented on both squads. The boys’ team will include CJ Haynie, of Dothan; Robin Javier, of Enterprise; Jacob Wright, of Houston Academy; and, Coach Brian Jackson, of Houston Academy. The girls’ roster will include Lauren Yu, of Dothan; Lauren Kinney, of Enterprise; and, Maggie Renshaw, of Houston Academy.

Volleyball will take the court on the final day of the four-day activities, with area players Cara Rushing, of Pike Liberal Arts, and Kyrslin Martin, of Rehobeth included on the squad.



Two-time defending state champion Jay Wilson (left) and Elba Tiger golf coach Mark Wicker will represent the ‘South’ at this week’s All-Star Sports Week golf competition.

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Tuesday, July 22
Cross Country Gateway Park 8:00 am
Tennis Lagoon Park 5:00 pm
Basketball Montgomery Multi-Plex (G) 5:00 (B) 6:45

Wednesday, July 23
Softball Lagoon Park (Doubleheader) 4:00 pm
Soccer Emory Folmar YMCA Soccer Complex (G) 5:00 (B) 7:00

Thursday, July 24
Volleyball Montgomery Multi-Plex 2:00 pm

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SPORTS NEWS

Kinston posts two wins at 12U DYB state tournament

The Kinston 12U All-Stars competed last week at the Alabama Diamond Youth State Baseball Tournament, at Lagoon Park, in Montgomery and after winning its first two games in bracket play dropped its next two to finish tied for fourth in the 18-team tournament.

Kinston began pool play on Wednesday with a drop-dead, sixty-minute contest and failed to get a hit as it dropped a 15-0 decision to Wicksburg. Wicksburg plated six runs in the first inning and added nine more runs in the second to hand the All-Stars the loss. Jase Weeks, Luke Driggers and Western Berry combined to pitch one and two-thirds innings and allowed 15 earned runs on 12 hits, while striking out one.

Kinston began bracket play on Thursday and rallied from an early deficit to defeat Geneva 4-3. The All-Stars trailed 2-0 in the first inning and were still behind 4-3 heading into their final at-bat, but rallied to score a pair of runs to pull out the 4-3 win. Harrison Wilks had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Colt Smith and Western Berry both added 1 hit and 1 rbi; Parker Norris, Kooper Thomas and Amos Withers all added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Brooks Hart and

Luke Driggers both added 1 hit. Kooper Thomas pitched four innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits, while striking out six.

Kinston pushed across three runs in the top of the third inning on Friday afternoon to erase a 3-1 deficit and made it hold up late in an exciting 4-3 win over Hartford. Hartford scored three runs on its first two trips to the plate, but was shut out by All-Star pitchers over the final three innings as Kinston claimed the win. Kooper Thomas had 1 hit and 2 rbi's to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while Parker Norris and Brooks Hart both added 1 hit and scored 1 run, Jase Weeks added 1 hit, and James Withers and Western Berry both scored 1 run. Parker Norris pitched five innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits, while striking out seven.

Kinston fell behind 6-0 in the opening inning and saw a furious rally fall short late Friday night in a 7-6 loss to Montgomery Bellingrath. The All-Stars scored two runs in the third and added three more in the fourth, but ran out of time and suffered their first loss in the double-elimination tournament. Brooks Hart had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston at the plate, while Parker Norris added 1 hit and

scored 2 runs; Jase Weeks and Colt Smith both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Amos Withers scored 1 run; and, Reid Hawthorne had 1 rbi. Brooks Hart and Reid Hawthorne combined to pitch four innings and allowed five earned runs five hits, while striking out 11.

Kinston saw its tournament run come to an end on Saturday afternoon with a hard fought 10-2 loss to Hartford. The All-Stars trailed 7-2 after three innings and ran out of time as they saw the historic state tournament appearance fall short of bringing home a state title. Amos Withers and Reid Hawthorne both scored 1 run to lead the All-Stars, while Brooks Hart drew a pair of walks, and Luke Driggers, Amos Withers, Reid Hawthorne and James Withers all drew one base on balls. Brooks Hart, Kooper Thomas, Jase Weeks and Colt Smith combined to pitch four innings and allowed five earned runs on nine hits, while striking out four.

The Kinston All-Stars included Kooper Thomas, Colt Smith, Jase Weeks, Amos Withers, Luke Driggers, James Withers, Harrison Wilks, Reid Hawthorne, Brooks Hart, Parker Norris and Western Berry. Coaches were Anthony Weeks, Kaleigh Weeks and Daniel Hart.



Zion Chapel wins opener at DYB state 8U tournament

The Zion Chapel 8U All-Stars competed at the Alabama Diamond Youth State Baseball Tournament last week at Lagoon Park, in Montgomery, and placed in a tie for eighth in the state as they dropped two straight games in bracket play after an opening round win.

The All-Stars advanced to the state tournament with a third place finish at the District Tournament, in Geneva, with wins over Elba 15-3, Samson 10-2 and Kinston 16-3. The bats were booming in Geneva, as Reese McCollough led the All-Stars with 9 hits and 8 runs scored, followed by Connor Winters with 9 hits and 5 runs scored, Avery Foster with 8 hits and 2 runs scored, Bryar Hurd with 7 hits and 4 runs scored, Luke Williamson with 7 hits and 3 runs scored, Holden Legg with 6 hits and 5 runs scored, MacDaniel Helms with 6 hits and 5 runs scored, Cohen Legg with 6 hits and 3 runs scored, Bradley Benbow with 5 hits and 5 runs scored, Emerson McDermont with 5 hits and 5 runs scored, Hayes Pemberton with 4 hits and 3 runs scored, and Rhett Jackson with 4 hits and 1 run scored.

The All-Stars began play in Montgomery on Wednesday afternoon and dropped a 10-4 pool play contest to Moundville. The Stars trailed only 2-1 after two innings, but saw Moundville plate seven runs in the third to grab a 9-1 lead and could never catch up. Avery Foster had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while Connor Winters added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Bryar Hurd added 1 hit and 1 rbi; Reese McCollough, Emerson McDermont, and Holden Legg all added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

The All-Stars began

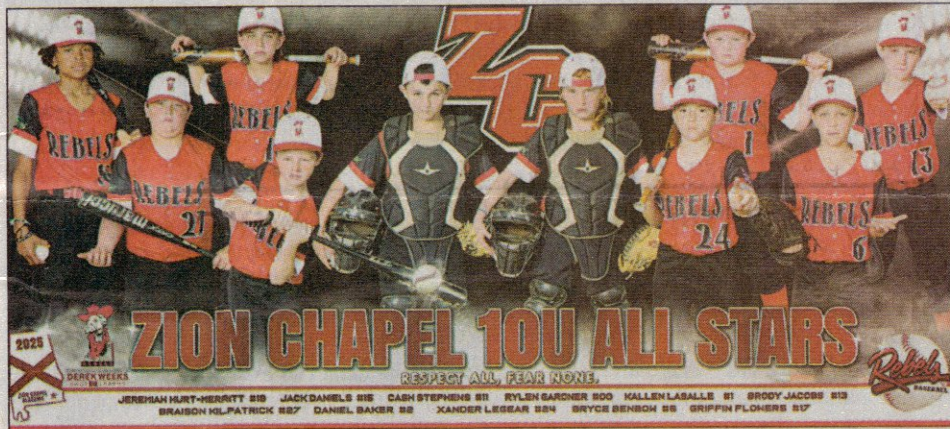
bracket play on Thursday morning and after watching an early 8-0 lead slip away rallied to score five runs in the top of the sixth to post a thrilling 15-10 win over Haleyville. Zion Chapel scored four runs in both the first and second innings to take a commanding 8-0 lead and owned a 10-5 lead heading into the bottom of the fifth, only to see Haleyville score five runs to pull even at 10-10 and force extra innings. The All-Stars regained command by scoring five runs in the top of the sixth and then let the defense seal the win. Reese McCollough had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while Avery Foster added 4 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Hayes Pemberton added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Emerson McDermont added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Connor Winters and Rhett Jackson both added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; Cohen Legg added 2 hits and scored 1 run; MacDaniel Helms added 2 hits; Bryar Hurd added 1 hit and had 1 rbi; Bradley Benbow added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Holden Legg and Luke Williamson both added 1 hit.

The All-Stars came back on Friday afternoon looking to advance in bracket play, but saw a late 4-1 lead vanish in a disappointing 7-4 loss to South Dale. Zion Chapel scored two runs in both the first and second innings and carried a 4-1 lead into the fifth, only to see South Dale plate three runs in its final two at-bats to hand the All-Stars a 7-4 loss. Cohen Legg had

2 hits and 1 rbi to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while MacDaniel Helms and Hayes Pemberton both added 1 hit and 1 rbi; Reese McCollough, Avery Foster, Rhett Jackson and Holden Legg all added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Connor Winters, Emerson McDermont, and Luke Williamson all added 1 hit; and, Bryar Hurd added 1 rbi.

The All-Stars were determined to keep their title hopes alive in a Friday night clash against Arton, but fell behind early and never caught up in a 13-5 loss. Zion Chapel trailed only 4-2 after one inning. However, Arton stretched its lead to 10-2 in the third and the All-Stars saw a late rally fall short as their season come to an end with the loss. Rhett Jackson had 2 hits and 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Reese McCollough added 2 hits and scored 1 run; Emerson McDermont added 2 hits; Luke Williamson added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Avery Foster, MacDaniel Helms and Hayes Pemberton all added 1 hit and 1 rbi; Cohen Legg added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Holden Legg scored 1 run.

The Zion Chapel All-Stars were Holden Legg, Hayes Pemberton, Rhett Jackson, Reese McCollough, Avery Foster, Bradley Benbow, Bryar Hurd, Luke Williamson, Emerson McDermont, Cohen Legg, MacDaniel Helms, and Connor Winters. Coaches were Allan Foster, Erin Winters, Justin Winters and Samantha McCollough.



Zion Chapel 10U All-Stars post one win at DYB state

The Zion Chapel All-Stars competed last week at the 2025 Alabama Diamond Youth 10U State Tournament, at Lagoon Park, in Montgomery, and posted one win in the 18-team tournament to finish in a tie for 10th in the state.

The All-Stars tangled with Wicksburg on Wednesday in pool play and fell behind 15-0 in the top of the first inning and never recovered in a 20-2 loss. Jeremiah Hurt-Merritt had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Rylen Gardner added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Daniel Baker added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Daniel Baker, Kallen LaSalle and Griffin Flowers combined to pitch one and two-thirds innings and allowed 12 earned runs on 12 hits, with one strikeout.

The All-Stars began bracket play on Thursday against Geneva and failed to get a hit in a 6-0 loss. Zion Chapel trailed only 1-0 heading into the bottom of the second inning, but could never rally as they had only two runners reach base. Kallen LaSalle and Griffin Flowers both drew walks to reach base for the All-Stars. Jack Daniels and Griffin Flowers combined to pitch five innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits, while striking out one.

The All-Stars stayed alive and advanced into the third round of action on Thursday with an exciting 8-7 win over Montgomery Southern. Zion Chapel trailed 5-1 heading into the bottom of the second

inning, but plated five runs to jump on top 6-5 and then scored two runs in its final at-bat to rally again and pull out the wild 8-7 win. Brody Jacobs had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the All-Stars at the plate, while Cash Stephens added 1 hit and scored 1 run; Jack Daniels added 1 hit; Kallen LaSalle scored 2 runs; and, Jeremiah Hurt-Merritt, Rylen Gardner, Braison Kilpatrick, Xander Legear and Bryce Benbow all scored 1 run. Jeremiah Hurt-Merritt and Bryce Benbow combined to pitch three innings and allowed six earned runs on one hit, while striking out seven.

The All-Stars ran into Moundville on Friday in an elimination contest and saw an early 3-0 lead slip away early in a 20-4 loss. Zion Chapel jumped on top 3-0 in the top of the first inning and trailed only 7-3 heading into the bottom of second, only to watch Moundville plate 13 runs in the second as the All-Stars saw their tournament run come to an end. Jack Daniels and Daniel Baker both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel at the plate, while Kallen LaSalle added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Rylen Gardner and Braison Kilpatrick both scored 1 run. Jeremiah Hurt-Merritt and Griffin Flowers combined to pitch one and one-third innings and allowed 16 earned runs on 11 hits, while striking out one.

Zion Chapel All-Stars included Rylen Gardner, Kallen LaSalle, Daniel

Baker, Bryce Benbow, Cash Stephens, Brody Jacobs, Jack Daniels, Griffin Flowers, Jeremiah Hurt-Merritt, Xander Legear and Braison Kilpatrick. Coaches included Cody Daniels, Nikki Daniels and Amanda Baker.

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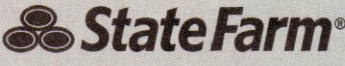
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Governor marks calendar for Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday July 18-20 in Alabama

Governor Kay Ivey on Monday encouraged Alabamians to begin preparing for the upcoming academic year by participating in Alabama's annual Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. The tax-free period will run from Friday, July 18 through Sunday, July 20, 2025.

"A new school year brings new opportunities, and we want every Alabama student to step into the classroom ready to learn and succeed," said Governor Ivey. "This tax holiday is one more way we're supporting our Alabama families and reinforcing the importance of education across our state. When we invest in our students and equip them for success, we're building a stronger future for all of Alabama."

During the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, items like pencils, paper, binders, calculators and rulers are free from state sales tax. The holiday also covers school uniforms, books and computers. For the full list of back-to-school items that qualify for the sales tax holiday, please visit this link.

"ALDOR is pleased we can offer this tax-free opportunity to parents and caregivers across Alabama who are getting their children ready for the upcoming school year," said Alabama Department of Revenue Commissioner Vernon Barnett. "Many counties, cities and towns are also participating in the tax-free holiday, so we encourage everyone in Alabama to take advantage, and we wish students all the best this year."

Counties and municipalities may also choose to participate in the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday by removing local sales and use taxes from the same selected items during the same weekend. The City of Elba does participate in the sales tax holiday.

THE ELBA BOARD OF EDUCATION HONORED STUDENT JAY WILSON during its board meeting Tuesday, July 15, in Elba. Wilson not only is an outstanding student at Elba High School, but he also is a highly decorated golfer. Wilson has won back-to-back individual state championships in high school golf for Class 1A/2A boys (2024/2025). He also has represented his school and community in various other golfing events this summer [as highlighted in this week's sports section]. The board congratulated Wilson on all his successes thus far and wished him well as he prepares for his senior year as a student of Elba City Schools. Jay is pictured above with Elba Board of Education officials. Those pictured (from left) are: Merrill Shirley, board attorney; Donny Powell, superintendent of Elba City Schools; and board members Debra Clark, Miranda Russell, Kristy Astemborski, and Deann Grantham.

LBW Community College names new softball coach

LBW Community College is excited to welcome Natalie Erwin as the new head coach of the Saints softball program. A former NCAA Division I standout and NJCAA national champion, Erwin brings a strong background in both player development and program success to LBW.

"I want to thank Dr. Kelley and the rest of the hiring committee for this wonderful opportunity to lead the Lurleen B. Wallace softball team," Erwin said. "From our first interaction, I knew that there were amazing things about to happen at LBW. I am excited to be a small part of something much bigger than myself."

Originally from Ridgeland, Mississippi, Erwin was a four-year starter at the University of Alabama at Birmingham (2016-2020), where she earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. She finished her collegiate career ranked in the top 10 in UAB program history in multiple categories, including career home runs (17), stolen bases (36), slugging percentage (.458), assists (280), and stolen base percentage (.900). Erwin was named to the Conference USA First Team as a sophomore and earned National Fastpitch Coaches Association (NFCA) Third Team All-Region honors.

Her coaching career began as a graduate assistant at the University of West Florida, where she also earned a master's degree in physical education and sports performance. She then joined the staff at Northwest Florida State College (NWFSC), where she helped guide the team to the 2025 NJCAA Division I National Championship. During her time at NWFSC, Erwin was part of the 2024 and 2025 NFCA Coaching Staffs of the Year, as well as the 2025 NJCAA Coaching Staff of the Year.

Throughout her coaching career, Erwin has played a key role in developing NJCAA and NFCA All-Americans and numerous All-Panhandle Conference players.

"Coach Erwin is a dynamic addition to the LBW coaching staff," said Steve Helms, LBW athletic director. "She understands what it takes to build a successful program and is equally committed to helping our student-athletes grow as competitors, teammates and people. We look forward to what's ahead for Saints Softball."

"A good coach can change a game, but a great coach can change a life," said Erwin. "I have been blessed to have coaches that made a positive impact on my life, and I look to do the same for these young women at LBW."

For more information, visit lbwsaints.com.

VOTE TIM JOHNSON FOR MAYOR OF ELBA

To My Fellow Citizens of Elba,

Tim and I have walked the streets of Elba all our lives. We know every corner of this town. We have been here and experienced triumphs and victories, achievements and successes, celebrations and championships...all the wonderful experiences a small town presents. We were also here through the trials and tribulations, disappointments and confusion, and we mourned the losses of family and friends and physical losses that reshaped the landscape of our city. We were here to help with the challenges of rebuilding, reinvesting and contributing anyway possible to bring life back to Elba. We are proud to say, "We are from Elba!" Our hearts have always been in our hometown.

If you know Tim, you know his enterprising spirit and ethical standards. You know he has worked tirelessly through the years to promote growth and economic development. He has been here to see what has worked and has not worked. Tim has his finger on the pulse of Elba. His accounting and business background is characterized by his mind and skill set of innovation, risk-taking, opportunity seeking and using sound judgement. He is always looking for improvement. He has the drive to create, collaborate, improve and bring ideas to life. Being Mayor of Elba will involve challenges and a willingness to learn from both successes and failures. When an idea or plan does not succeed, it must be looked at as a learning opportunity, and success can be achieved by embracing change and stepping out of the box. Tim is fully capable of this.

If you do not know Tim, then you need to get to know him. He is kind and compassionate. He doesn't just hear you; he listens to you. He asks questions to better understand your ideas and concerns to make informed and rational decisions.

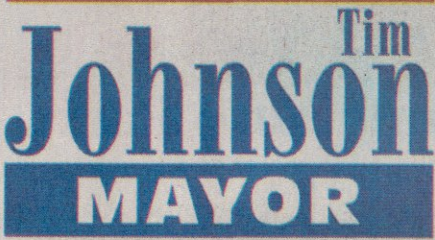
Tim has dedicated much of his adult life to service to Elba. Tim does not toot his own horn often, but I will. Tim has used his time, talents and his personal knowledge to contribute as an active participant on boards and committees. He has twice been a recipient of the Spirit of Elba award for going above and beyond in promoting Elba. He has traveled to other states to successfully help recruit industry to Elba and assisted with the expansion of businesses. He worked successfully to recover funds that were contractually due to Elba. He never complained and did this while building his own business that garnered him high recognition in an international franchise organization.

Tim Johnson can handle the tasks of being Mayor of Elba. As a testament to his belief and love of Elba, through other companies he owns and runs, Tim has revitalized downtown properties to aid in the revitalizing of Elba. Through the years, he has bought residential properties and hired local tradesmen to refurbish the properties while buying the bulk of the materials from local businesses. Through these efforts he has created safe, livable, and quality housing.

Tim is a man of faith. God is the foundation upon which everything in his life is built. He seeks spiritual guidance daily. I hear many of his prayers. He seeks wisdom, knowledge, discernment, and the courage to stand for what is right and what will help his fellowman in his quest to be Mayor of Elba. Tim truly seeks what is best for Elba.

I have been by his side for more than forty years. We have always worked as a team, in our personal life and in business. This has always been successful. Our hope is that with Tim as your mayor, we can foster a sense of shared ownership in the future of Elba and create "TEAM ELBA", a community that is ready to support its leader, roll up its sleeves and work together for a brighter future for Elba.

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MAYOR

If you are looking for a TRUE leader, a proven leader and one who has already rolled up his sleeves and worked for you, look no further. That person is Tim Johnson. You just need to put him to work for the City of Elba as your next mayor. Let him show you what a difference he can make as a hands-on FULL-TIME mayor. I invite you to talk to Tim. Believe me when I tell you he wants to hear your thoughts, concerns, and hopes. I encourage you to get to know Tim. Call him at 334-303-9840 or come to see him. Most importantly, VOTE FOR TIM. Your vote and your voice matter.

Sincerely,
Lisa Johnson, wife and supporting partner on this journey

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